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CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE IN THE SPOTLIGHT.

Editor's note: A year end story buried toward the back of the L.A. Times (12/31/94) noted that Gov. Pete Wilson(R) said he was in favor of doing away with CA's affirmative action laws. Turns out that Gov. Pete is just a little ahead of the curve. Here is CALPEEK's update about the **Calif. Civil Rights Initiative**...

...CCRI, as it is sometimes called, was supposed to be on the 1994 ballot, but organizers started way too late and that's why there hasn't been much written about this plan. This initiative has the potential to be another Prop. 187. CCRI principals Glynn Custred and Thomas Wood say that by the end of January they will have taken their constitutional amendment to the AG's office for title & summary, with the ultimate objective of making the 1996 ballot...

...If approved by voters, CCRI will *"prohibit the use of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin as a criterion for discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group in the operation of the State's system of public employment, public education or public contracting."* Custred & Wood have researched this plan carefully and believe it will be held constitutional if challenged. FYI: We should note that while Gov. Wilson was critical of CA's affirmative action laws, he has not endorsed CCRI...

...And while Wood & Custred move forward on their initiative, Assemblyman Bernie Richter(R-Chico) is moving ahead with ACA 2, which has the same wording as the initiative. In addition, sources say State Sen. Tom Campbell(R-Palo Alto) and Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith(R-Poway) will author statues to kill off part of the State's affirmative action laws...

...Both Campbell and Richter are members of the CCRI advisory board, along with Sen. Quentin Kopp(I-S.F.),

L.A. City Comm. Joe Gelman, CRP Vice Chair John Herrington and Richard Halvorson of the CA Libertarian Party. So far no Demos have signed on, but sources say lines of communications have been opened to the Calif. DLC (Democratic Leadership Council)...

...Because CCRI does have the potential to become another 187, some Demo sources in Sacto tell CALPEEK that there will be an attempt made to modify ACA 2 and then put it on the March 1996 primary ballot. The last thing Demos want is another 187-type initiative on the November general election ballot. The big question is whether a modified CCRI would be acceptable to Custred and Wood? We'll keep you posted. Stay tuned...

WILSON'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS AND STATE BUDGET WILL BE ANALYZED NEXT WEEK.

CA Gov. Pete Wilson(R) will present his annual State of the State speech to the CA Legislature on Jan. 9th, followed the next day by release of his proposed 1995-96 budget. We will analyze both in next week's issue...

CAMPAIGN '96: WITH THE CALIF. PRIMARY SET FOR MARCH, LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES ARE LINING UP.

Editor's note: With Calif.'s presidential and regular primary set for March 26, 1996, candidates have already begun to *test the waters*. Here's our first report...

...When you combine an early primary with legislative term limits you can end up with a confused & crowded situation --- and that's what we've got going into the '96 election cycle, which is already here...

...So who's running and for what? Most of the action is taking place in the **State Senate** - the next major battleground for Demos & GOPers. There are a number of

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senators being forced out by term limits. On the list of those who *can't seek reelection* are Demos Milton Marks, Dan Boatwright, Nick Petris, Al Alquist and Henry Mello and GOPers Don Rogers, Newt Russell, Bill Leonard and Bob Beverly. Add to this list Lucy Killea, the independent from San Diego...

...Depending on how one views the 29th S.D., the current line up is 21 Demos, 17 Republicans and 2 independents. To take control, the GOP needs to win 4 seats or pick up 3 and make a deal with the senate's other independent, S.F.'s Quentin Kopp. Sources say the most *vulnerable spots* for Demos are in districts now represented by Boatwright and Mello, plus Killea's 39th S.D. --- and perhaps the 5th S.D., now held by Patrick Johnston(D-Stockton), who can and probably will seek another term. As of now, the only vulnerable spot for Republicans is Beverly's 27th S.D....

...Boatwright's 7th S.D. seat could see a battle between Assemblymen Bob Campbell(D) and perhaps Dick Rainey(R). Right now sources would give Rainey a slight edge. In the battle for Mello's 15th S.D., insiders see a match between former Assemblyman Rusty Areias(D) and current GOP Assemblyman Bruce McPherson, with Areias having a slight edge. And finally, the battle to replace Killea in the 39th S.D. will be critical. Demos are banking on Assemblywoman Dede Alpert of San Diego. No rumors in terms of GOP candidates, but be assured Republicans will come up with a good candidate because they want this seat...

...It doesn't come as a shock that many of the candidates seeking State Senate seats are now in the Assembly --- and many of these assemblymembers are being forced out by the 3-term limit law. For example, Willie Brown is expected to run for the Marks seat (3rd S.D.), while Brown's counter-part on the GOP side, Jim Brulte, will probably run for Leonard's 31st S.D. job. In the 9th S.D., sources expect a major primary battle between Demos Tom Bates and Barbara Lee. Another Demo battle could take place in the San Jose area if John Vasconcellos and Dom Cortese lock horns to replace Alquist...

...Ditto in the 17th S.D. between Trice Harvey(R) and perhaps Phil Wyman(R) for the Rogers seat. And it will be musical chairs in the 21st S.D. to replace Russell. Mentioned as possible contenders are Bill Hoge

and James Rogan. Adding some confusion to the picture in this area are the uncertain future plans of veteran U.S. Rep. Carlos Moorhead(R-Glendale)...

...The list of candidates who want to run for Beverly's 27th S.D. job is already long and growing each day. On the Demo side, sources say Brian Finander wants another crack, but so does former Assemblywoman Betty Karnette. On the GOP side, Long Beach businessman Frank Colonna has already declared, but he'll have company. Also looking are former Long Beach councilmembers Jan Hall and Ray Grabinski; perhaps John Ward(who ran against Beverly in the primary 4 years ago); and maybe Assemblyman Phil Hawkins. Stay tuned...

L.A. MUNI ELECTIONS: CANDIDATES GEARING UP.

Editor's note: L.A. City Council candidates are just now beginning to gear up for the April 11th primary. Even numbered council seats, plus the vacant 5th District once represented by now L.A. Co. Sup. Zev Yaroslavsky, will be on the ballot. Filing runs from Jan. 11-17. Here's our brief update & analysis, district-by-district...

- **2nd District** - On the surface, incumbent Joel Wachs seems very safe. However, Wachs may face a challenge from fundamentalist minister Wayne Clary. That means the campaign could get nasty, but ultimately Wachs wins another term. Noah Mamet has been hired to manage the Wachs campaign...

- **4th District** - Council President John Ferraro is as popular today as he was when he was first elected. Ferraro has hired Bragg, Maddox & Taylor to manage his reelection campaign...

- **5th District** - Most all sources agree, this is the council race to watch. Right now there are about 5 contenders, with two tiers. In the top tier are Barbara Yaroslavsky (Zev's wife); and former L.A. School Bd. member Roberta Weintraub. In the second tier are L.A. Co. Dep. DA Lea Purwin D'Agostino and attorney Michael Feuer. Also running is real estate agent Jeff Brain. Yaroslavsky has name ID and with Zev's help can raise the money. Weintraub too has name ID and money connections. Oddly enough, long time Zev political consultants Skelton, Grover & Assoc. are running Weintraub's campaign, while Sacto

consultant Paul Kinney has been hired by Yaroslavsky. Feuer, who has hired consultant Larry Levine, has already raised a substantial war chest, but can't match Yaroslavsky or Weintraub in name ID. But Westside insiders know him and his list of backers is impressive. D'Agostino has locked up most of the law & order endorsements and her candidacy will appeal to conservatives. The big question for Lea is money. More in the weeks ahead...

- **6th District** - Councilwoman Ruth Galanter was expected to have a tough challenge from former campaign consultant Mark Ryavec, but sources say they're not sure Ryavec intends to run. We'll wait to see who files against Galanter...

- **8th District** - So far we don't see any serious opposition to incumbent Mark Ridley-Thomas, but that could change. MR-T is Mayor Richard Riordan's chief pain-in-the-ass and insiders are wondering why the mayor hasn't recruited someone to give MR-T a pain of his own. Sources think former Assemblywoman Gwen Moore(D-L.A.) would beat MR-T in a 1-on-1...

- **10th District** - Incumbent Nate Holden is one of the savviest politicians around. And he may need every ounce of smarts he's got because attorney Stan Sanders plans to challenge him...

- **12th District** - Incumbent Hal Bernson looks much stronger now than he did 4 years ago. Why? He opposed the use of tax dollars to fight 187 and around City Hall he's known as "Mr. Earthquake." Years ago Bernson led the fight to reinforce all those old buildings throughout the city. That's something he can take to the bank on election day. And it doesn't look like long-time Bernson foe Walter Prince will run. Harvey Englander is the consultant...

- **14th District** - We don't foresee any problems for incumbent Richard Alatorre. Stay tuned...

UPI's HELEN THOMAS AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB.
UPI White House bureau chief Helen Thomas will speak to members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 4:45 p.m. reception, 5:30 p.m., Jan. 19, Grand Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel, S.F. For info & RSVPs, call (415)597-6705...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **Huffington Challenges DiFi's Election** - As expected, Michael Huffington(R) has presented an election petition to the U.S. Senate challenging the results of the Nov. 8th election, where incumbent U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) defeated Huffington by 165,562 votes. In Demo circles, Huffington's petition was about as welcome as a *turd in a swimming pool*. And again, as expected, Huffington says he lost because of what he claims to be "massive voter fraud." He bases his allegation on research by a group called The Voter Fraud Task Force. The task force claims there were at least 170,000 "fraudulent" votes in the last election out of 8.5 million total votes cast. The 170,000 figure is based on studies of 84 Calif. precincts and then projecting those findings to 25,000 other precincts in Calif. But as many sources have told CALPEEK, projections are one thing, actual voter fraud is something else. DiFi took the oath of office without prejudice and the petition was referred to the Senate Rules Cmt...

- **The Slavkin Recall** - A group known as the Voice of Citizens Together has started a recall drive against L.A. School Board Pres. Mark Slavkin because Slavkin and a majority of the board voted to use LAUSD resources to launch a legal battle against Prop. 187. Members of the recall group were part of the volunteer coalition which helped to qualify 187. The recall has 90 days to collect 53,000 valid signatures (meaning they really need closer to 90,000 names). Voice of Citizens Together is also suing 6 LAUSD school board members, saying they illegally used school money to block 187. Odds of the recall organizers collecting the signatures: about 50/50. It won't be easy...

CALIF. DLC TO HOLD LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE.
The Calif. arm of the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) will hold a legislative conference in Sacto on Jan. 18th, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the offices of the CA Chamber of Commerce, 1201 "K" St., 12th Floor. Speakers include Asst. Sec. of Labor Doug Ross and Demo Controller Kathleen Connell (luncheon keynote). For info (619)522-0195...

SPEAKERSHIP WARS: LATE NEWS - A DEAL IS FAIRLY CLOSE

Editor's note: As CALPEEK hit deadline for this week, a deal was close in the 6 week-old Speakership Wars. Here's a very brief update...

...Demos & Republicans returned to Sacto Jan. 4th and immediately adjourned to closed-door caucus meetings. As CALPEEK sources had suspected, there was talk in both caucuses of *alternatives* to either Demo Willie Brown or GOP Leader Jim Brulte as Speaker --- and an offer was even made by some Demos to back Chico Assemblyman Bernie Richter, but his GOP colleagues were more interested in what's being called a *temporary power-sharing agreement*...

...The details weren't in stone as we hit deadline, but sources say under this power-sharing plan the Rules Cmt. would run the Assembly, with Brown & Brulte as co-chairs and with equal numbers of Demos and GOPers on the committee. Resources and committees would be split along proportional lines. There would be no speaker until one party has a majority of 41 votes. It's a 40-40 deadlock now. What this means is that Republicans will move ahead with their plans to recall GOP-turned-independent Assemblyman Paul Horcher and replace him with a Republican. If that happens, then Republicans *could* elect a Speaker and take total control. Will Brulte be Speaker??? Maybe...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- A sad note: KTTV-TV reporter/former anchorman Chris Harris died Dec. 28 of a heart condition. The 51-year-old Harris had recently been named KTTV's political reporter. R.I.P...

- Pete Mitchell has been promoted to Sr. political analyst/director of CREPAC for the CA Assn. of Realtors...

- Garry South, who managed Gray Davis's successful campaign for LG, has been name COS to the new Demo Lt. Governor...

- Highly respected PA executive Lily R. Balian has retired from Northrop Grumman Corp. after 14 years. She was also a key officer of the CA Aerospace Alliance...

- PA exec. Bert Ashland and his partners Dan Wooldridge and Jerry Pierson have parted company, but both firms will stay put at 520 N. Main St., Santa Ana, CA 92701. But The Ashland Group will be in Suite 220, while Wooldridge-Pierson will be in suite 240. Ashland's phone remains (714)571-0805, while W-P's new phone is (714)480-6840...

- PA/campaign consultant Joseph R. Cerrell has been elected chair of the Bd. of Directors of the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce West(IACCW). Cerrell also has been named to the Bd. of Directors of the Long Beach Aquarium by the Pacific Project...

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY & POLITICAL CALENDAR

Editor's note: While most of the dates listed here are fixed, some are tentative. CALPEEK will update and amend this calendar from time to time...

...Jan. 19-21 DNC convention at the Washington DC Hilton Hotel to elect a new chair...Feb. 24-26 CA Republican Party convention at the Sacramento Hyatt...Mar. 31 - Apr. 2 CA Democratic Party convention at the Sacramento Convention Center...

1996 Primary Schedule (Tentative)

- Feb. 27 - New Hampshire primary...
- Mar. 2 - Delaware primary...
- Mar. 5 - New York, Vermont, Maryland & Georgia primaries...
- Mar. 12 - Texas, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Oklahoma and Mississippi primaries...
- Mar. 19 - Illinois, Michigan & Ohio primaries...
- Mar. 26 - Calif. and Connecticut primaries...
- Apr. 2 - Kansas, Minnesota & Wisconsin primaries...
- Apr. 23 - Pennsylvania primary...
- May 7 - Washington DC & No. Carolina primaries...
- May 14 - West Virginia & Nebraska primaries...
- May 16 - Oregon primary...
- May 28 - Idaho & Kentucky primaries...
- June 4 - Alabama, New Mexico & New Jersey primaries...
- June 11 - Maine & No. Dakota primaries...

...TBA - *Primaires*: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, & So. Carolina. *Caucuses*: Hawaii, Iowa, Nevada, Utah, Virginia & Wyoming. Stay tuned...